

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PORT M 00818 020250Z
ACTION OES-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 DLOS-09 CIAE-00 INR-10
NSAE-00 L-03 INT-05 PM-05 DODE-00 COME-00 EB-08
CG-00 DOTE-00 SS-15 SP-02 IO-13 INRE-00 NSCE-00
SSO-00 /088 W
-----043778 020253Z /70

O R 020010Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3322
INFO AMEMBASSY SUVA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN
CINCPAC HONOLULU

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PORT MORESBY 0818

TOKYO FOR RFO

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, XP, PP
SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY

REF: PORT MORESBY 811

FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF LETTER FROM ACTING FOREIGN
SECRETARY SABUMEI TO AMBASSADOR PROVIDING STATEMENT OF
GPNG FISHERIES POLICY:

"AS YOU ARE AWARE, THERE WAS MEETING OF S.P.E.C. COUNTRIES
IN SUVA, FIJI, DURING THE EARLY PART OF THIS MONTH TO CONSIDER
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION.
IT HAS BECOME APPARENT, AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING AND
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PORT M 00818 020250Z

SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES
THAT NOT ALL MEMBER STATES FULLY APPRECIATE PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S
VIEWS ON U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANISATION.
I AM THEREFORE WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU IN ORDER THAT
YOU MAY BE FULLY INFORMED AS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S
POSITION.
PAPUA NEW GUINEA FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT

THE ORGANISATION BE BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE PORT MORESBY DECLARATION OF AUGUST, 1976. THE TWO MAIN CRITERIA OF THE DECLARATION ARE, AS YOU ARE AWARE, THAT MEMBERSHIP BE OPEN TO ALL COASTAL STATES OF THE REGION AND THAT THOSE STATES RECOGNISE THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF COASTAL STATES TO CONSERVE AND MANAGE THE LIVING RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, WITHIN THEIR 200 MILE RESOURCE ZONE.

THE FIRST CRITERION THEREFORE ENSURES THAT THE ORGANISATION COMPRISES OF COASTAL STATES WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN A COMMON RESOURCE, I.E. TUNA, AND THAT THESE STATES WISH TO ENSURE THAT MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM THIS RESOURCE ACCRUE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION.

THE LATTER CRITERION APPEARS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO BE THE VERY BASIS OF THE ORGANISATION, FOR IT ENSURES THAT ALL PARTIES ARE IN ACCORD WITH A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE WHICH THE ORGANISATION CAN CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS, I.E. THE ORGANISATION MUST NOT ACT IN A MANNER CONTRARY, NOR MAY THE CONFERENCE ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS CONTRARY, TO THIS PRINCIPLE.

IT IS PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE MATTER, THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ACCEPT THIS LATTER CRITERION AND THAT IT THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT THE ORGANISATION SHOULD NOT BE FOUNDED UPON THIS PRINCIPLE ALTHOUGH MEMBERSHIP SHOULD STILL BE RESTRICTED TO COASTAL STATES OF THE REGION. IT IS PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S VIEW THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 PORT M 00818 020250Z

SUCH AN ORGANISATION WILL NOT ONLY LACK A SOUND BASIS UPON WHICH IT CAN OPERATE, BUT WILL ALSO PRESENT CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AS THE SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION WILL SIMPLY BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE DELIBERATION OF THE ORGANISATION ITSELF, I.E. AS A PARTY TO THIS ORGANISATION, THE UNITED STATES WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO AGREE TO SUCH ACTS OR RECOMMENDATION IN ANY WAY ERODES THIS PRINCIPLE. TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A VERY SOUND BASIS FOR SUCH AN ORGANISATION WHERE SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY ALL MEMBERS. PAPUA NEW GUINEA DOES, HOWEVER, FULLY SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORGANISATION WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE 64 OF THE I.C.N.T. WHICH WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL STATES WITH AN INTEREST IN THE RESOURCE, EITHER AS COASTAL STATES OR AS DISTANT WATER FISHING STATES, AND THAT THIS ORGANISATION WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE S.P.F.O. PAPUA NEW GUINEA BELIEVES THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN ORGANISATION COULD ASSIST IN RESOLVING MANY OF THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES, AND THAT U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SUCH AN ORGANISATION IS VERY NECESSARY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN ORGANISATION WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, DISPENSE WITH THE VERY GREAT NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

S.P.F.O. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PORT MORESBY DECLARATION."
OLMSTED

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FISHERIES, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PORTM00818
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780230-0490
Format: TEL
From: PORT MORESBY
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197806102/aaaadjvs.tel
Line Count: 118
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 741c777c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 PORT MORESBY 811
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2143849
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY
TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, XP, PP
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/741c777c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014